

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2011
7:15 PM**

Mayor McHale called the meeting to order

Flag Salute, Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Press Journal*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Mayor McHale-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented with the exceptions of the addition of Resolution of #11-99, Establishment of Protocols for the Hut at Memorial Field and the removal of #11-82 to non-consent agenda: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

An outstanding police item is still being discussed.

Mayor McHale explained that the Governing Body will go into closed session following a public portion and then resume the public meeting, at which time he expects an ordinance to be added.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the February 15, 2011 Executive meeting minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
Councilman Carrick-abstained.

Motion to approve the February 15, 2011 Public meeting minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
Councilman Carrick-abstained

Motion to approve the February 15, 2011 Closed session minutes: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
Councilman Carrick-abstained

Motion to approve the March 1, 2011 Executive Session minutes: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the March 1, 2011 Closed session minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Administrator Perkins' Report

The Borough's OEM has notified Bergen County that they are ready to meet with FEMA to submit for reimbursement for the December 26th storm.

A check in the amount of \$23,000 was recently received for the March 12, 2010 storm.

TwinBoro Report-all reports relative to notification, assessment, site investigation, remedial investigation, receptor evaluation and remedial action work plan have been submitted to NJDEP. Two issues remain to be considered for additional work: the site of the former shooting range needs to be analyzed for lead and copper and the extent of the historic fill on the Borough property.

Washington/Grant road closure-Cumberland will reline both sewer lines at no cost to the Borough.

Applications for Direct Install for electric for the fire houses and the Library were submitted.

Dumont received a Bronze Certificate and \$500, which will go into the general fund from the Joint Insurance Fund for the safety program.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Stylianou

5K Run

The high school facilities will be used again this coming September.

Board of Education

The Board of Education continues to meet to discuss their budget. Three candidates have submitted petitions for three seats which will be open this year.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Senior Citizens

The St. Patrick's Day party is scheduled for 1:00PM

Police

The Dispatch Center received 2,083 calls in February.

- Councilman Freeman

Finance

The finance committee met twice in the past week in order to have the budget introduction ready for tonight. When they started they were \$700,000 above the 2% cap. \$511,000 was excluded from the cap. As of now, we are \$421,750 above the 2% cap. This translates to \$228 increase on the average assessed home of \$382,000. The committee will keep working on it. The hearing and adoption are scheduled for the April 19th Council meeting.

- Councilman Manna

Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber had a very successful blood drive.

Ethics Board

The Board will be meeting this Thursday.

- Councilman Caspare

Rent Leveling Board

A special meeting will be held March 21st to address an ongoing tenant complaint.

DPW

Superintendent Ebenhack has implemented that the sewer jet be put on the streets every day to

prevent sewer problems before they happen. In February 395 miles were swept.

Library

A letter was sent to the Mayor and Council requesting that Dorothy Consentino fill the unexpired term of Paul Campbell.

There is a problem with the roof of the Heath wing leaking.

Mayor's McHale's Report

The Mayor thanked the police and the DPW for their continued efforts with regards to the Gulf Station gasoline leak.

He also recognized the presence of Scout Sam Zimmerman, who has offered to re-roof the Ryan Caspare Pavilion for his Eagle Scout project.

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

The Mayor read the resolution to go into closed session in order to discuss personnel and collective contract negotiations

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to recess: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Closed Session

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to post Ordinance #1429 for a vote: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Mayor McHale stated that Ordinance #1429, amending Chapter 75, Section 9 regarding police promotions, has been added to the agenda for first reading.

Motion to amend the agenda: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#11-79 Approval of Nature's Choice for Vegetative Waste Disposal-2011 *

#11-80 Authorization of Agreement with Pitney Bowes for Digital Meter System-\$211 per month *

#11-81 Approval of Purchase of New Server through New Jersey State Contract -\$4,482 *

#11-83 Approval of Knights of Columbus Fund Drive to be held April 30 and May 1, 2011 *

#11-84 Approval of Selzer School PTO On-premise Merchandise Raffle to be held April 29, 2011; ID#109-5-37089, RL#336 *

#11-85 Dorothy Consentino-Approval as Dixon Homestead Library Trustee *

#11-86 Charlotte Tobias-Reappointment to the Board of Health *

#11-87 Sam Zimmerman-Approval of Eagle Scout Project *

#11-88 Bills List *

#11-89 Emergency Appropriation Due to February 6, 2011 Sewer Main Break at Veterans Plaza-\$13,773.51 *

#11-90 Approval of Elks Club “Shake the Can” Fundraiser May 21, 2011 *

#11-91 Approval of Live Entertainment Request from Frontier Room March 19, 2011 *

#11-92 Authorization of Execution of Mariner’s Bank Wire Transfer Agreement *

#11-93 Approval of Purchase of Two Computers through State Contract-\$1100.10 *

#11-94 Approval of 2011 Temporary Budget Amendment *

#11-95 Request Approval to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Snow Removal *

#11-96 Authorization of Transfer of 2010 Appropriations *

#11-97 Award of Bid-Specific Wireless Communications Tower Lease Rights Assignment upon Borough-owned Monopole at Borough Hall *

#11-99 Refreshment Stand at Memorial Park-Establish Regulations *

Motion: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Motion to open to the public on consent agenda items: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked the age of the current server and what it is used for. He feels that \$4400 is too expensive.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Non-consent agenda

#11-82 Reappointment of Larry Bongard as Recycling Coordinator-\$3,778.16

Motion to adopt: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public on Resolution #82: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Caspare-no

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

#1427 Amendment to Chapter 36-FIRE DEPARTMENT of the Dumont Code

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

First Reading

#1428 Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limit and Establish Cap Bank

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

No discussion from the Council

Motion to adopt on first reading: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

#1429 Amendment to Chapter 75, Section 9-POLICE DEPARTMENT of the Dumont Code

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Councilman Manna explained that the ordinance was instituted to protect the Borough from lawsuits and to provide the police officers looking for promotions with a balanced and non-subjective arena. The current ordinance was fashioned with the help of a Superior Court judge following lawsuits against the Borough. He understands that two officers have retired and supervisors are needed but feels that the introduction of the ordinance should not be rushed into.

Councilwoman Zamechansky stated that the PBA got thirty-three signatures on a document stating they agree with the removal of the written test and the attorney's letter stating that there would be no litigation from police officers regarding the procedure or the results. The police who are promoted will take a 0% increase until January, 2012.

Councilman Stylianou stated that the process began approximately a year ago. There was discussion, proposals and counterproposals.

Councilman Caspare stated he did not feel rushed into this ordinance and the process is fair.

Motion to adopt on first reading: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
Councilman Manna-abstained.

General Order of Business

#11-98 Introduction of the 2011 Municipal Budget

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

Councilman Freeman, finance committee chairman, explained that although the Borough has to get the budget to the 2% cap, there is 3 1/2%, which includes pension, health care, debt service, etc. The current issue the committee is running into is that they have cut everything they can from the budget. Health insurance increased by \$232,000; pensions increased by \$227,000, wage increases approximately \$480,000. Therefore, layoffs of employees have to be seriously considered.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Borough Clerk